## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Protected Resources Committee will hold a public meeting via webinar.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Details on the agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials will be posted at the MAFMC's website: https://www.mafmc.org/council-events.

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(302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management

Council's Protected Resources Committee will meet to review scoping materials for

phase two of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan which focuses on reducing

the risk of entanglement to right, humpback, and fin whales in U.S. East Coast gillnet,

Atlantic mixed species trap/pot, and Mid-Atlantic lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot

fisheries. The measures that will be developed in phase two of this plan have the potential

to impact several Council managed fisheries and the Protected Resources Committee will

develop recommendations for Council engagement in the scoping process, which extends

to October 21, 2021. The Council will consider these recommendations at their October

meeting.

**Special Accommodations** 

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden at

the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting

date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: August 30, 2021.

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